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Feature Conference



CRRF/RPLC Conference

October 12-15th in Guelph, Ontario.

The conference theme for this year is "Building Vibrant Rural Futures: Mobilizing Knowledge and Informing Policy" and will serve as a critical platform to explore a number of subthemes including: Local and regional economic development, Labour force development and training, Climate change and the impacts on rural communities infrastructure, economies, and lifestyles, Rural data, information, and harnessing digital data & Aboriginal transformations/issues.

The program is now available at this link: <http://guelph2016.crrf.ca/schedule/>

Visit the website for more information: www.guelph2016.crrf.ca

www.rplc-capr.ca

Conference Keynote Speakers



Angelica McKay

October 13 at 8:30 am

Youth Member, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation

A grade 11 student at Queen Elizabeth School in Sioux Lookout, Angelica continues to be one of the organizing Youth Leaders for the reconciliation trip held annually in her community. The trips are featured yearly in the Toronto Star, inviting Canadians to spend a week in the family homes to build bridges of friendships and break down misconceptions through immersive education and daily teachings. Angelica and the Youth Leaders were responsible for bringing the first ever overnight Royal visit in an Indigenous community world wide in 2014 with the Countess of Wessex and the Premier of Ontario. In 2016, the Youth Leaders and their partner, Productions Cazabon brought the reconciliation trip along with trip guest, Mayor John Tory to another remote fly-in community, Bearskin Lake First Nation. Angelica McKay was honoured for her service and leadership by receiving one of the highest recognitions at Bearskin Lake, the white eagle feather. In 2017, the Youth Leaders will be hosting their 5th reconciliation trip.



Keith Roulston

October 14 at 3:00 pm

Journalist, Newspaper Owner, Theatre General Manager

Keynote Presentation: "Talking to ourselves: Why rural people need to communicate within and between their communities and how the system is breaking down." Keith grew up on a farm near Lucknow, Ontario, attended elementary school in the village and was in the last graduating class of the local high school before it was closed. He studied journalism at what is now Ryerson University and began his career with the Clinton News-Record, part of a small chain of newspapers. In 1971, at the age of 24, he and his wife Jill bought the Blyth Standard. On his first week in the village he discovered the wonderful but run-down theatre in Blyth Memorial Hall and ended up bringing together the team that founded the Blyth Festival in 1975. In 1979 he left publishing to become the theatre's first full-time general manager. He returned in 1985, setting up a community-owned newspaper to serve Blyth and Brussels and surrounding area. The Citizen was chosen best newspaper in Canada in the 1,000 to 1,999 circulation category in 2016. He is a former director of the Ontario Community Newspaper Association where he initiated a special task force for independent newspapers. He lives in the country near Blyth.

Check Out Our Planned Conference Live Sessions!

Sessions will be broadcast using FaceBook Live and Periscope.

To RSVP for specific sessions please contact Michael: blatherwickm@brandonu.ca

DATE	TIME	SESSION TITLE	PRESENTERS
Thursday, October 13	1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	T10 – Feeding ourselves: food systems Management in Rural Regions	MacDonald, Breen, Devlin, Loring, Vittauri
	3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	T15 – Climate Change and Food	Vittauri, Kevany, Zwart
Friday, October 14	10:30 am – 12:00 pm	F7 – Rural Water & Resource Governance	Longboat, Minnes, Bullock
	10:30 am – 12:00 pm	F9 – Panel – Considering Climate Change in Rural Planning and Policy	Manners, Mercer, Curtis, Olusanya
	1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	F13 – Panel – Digital Communications for Organizational Development: The case of Rural Networks	Blatherwick, Cook, Kelly, Furst, Reimer
	1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	F17 – Panel – Crossing Streams: an interdisciplinary panel on rural water	Breen, Sturge, FitzGibbon, Longboat
Saturday, October 15	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Rural Policy Learning Commons Dialogue Session	RPLC members

Don't miss out: Join us for the **RPLC Half-Day event**, scheduled for October 15th!

Information on conference field trips, available to participants on Wednesday, October 12th, can be found here: <http://guelph2016.crrf.ca/field-trips/>

Registration for the conference is Still Open: <http://guelph2016.crrf.ca/registration/>

Governance Team Seeking New Members

Interested in rural governance issues? Join the RPLC Governance Team; we are now accepting new members! The Governance Team is focused on facilitating, promoting, and engaging research connections to better understand and improve the formal and informal mechanisms and tools by which rural communities and regions organize themselves for economic, political and social objectives. The Governance Team helps to examine the implications of governance structures, processes, and policies that impact rural communities. Team Lead: Kathleen Kevany – kkevany@dal.ca & Team Support: Sarah Minnes – sminnes@grenfell.mun.ca

Apply here: <http://rplc-capr.ca/about-the-network/themes/governance/>

Photo of the Month on Instagram



Post from the talented @gemini_digitized.

What does Rural mean to you?
Send us your rural photos to share with our audience!

Follow us for more beautiful rural photographs:
https://www.instagram.com/rplc_capr/

Job Opportunity



Applications Invited for the following position: Faculty of Education & Health Sciences, Health Research Institute. Post-Doctoral Researcher in Migrant Health under a Specific Purpose Contract. Salary: €37,750 - €46,255 p.a. The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday, 14th October 2016.

Go to this link for further details:

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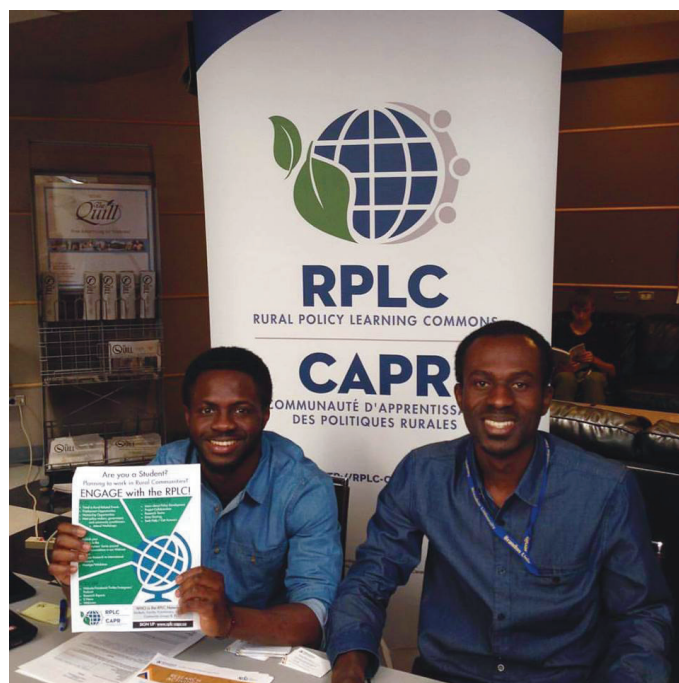
or contact Prof Anne MacFarlane at anne.macfarlane@ul.ie

Please email erecruitment@ul.ie if you experience any difficulties.




RPLC Table During Brandon University Orientation Week

On September 14th, 2016, two secretariat supports, Michael Adiyia and Orthist Adu-Gyamfi manned a table during the Brandon University club day. The main objective of this was to promote RPLC/RDI and get students and faculty members involved. The event was quite a success with 42 students and 1 faculty member signing up for the RPLC network!

This not only broadened the network, but provided diversity as students from different faculties showed great interest in the RPLC's activities.



Upcoming Webinar Schedule for October to November 2016

	DATE	PRESENTER	TITLE
	October 25th	Shaun Loney	An Army of Problem Solvers: Reconciliation and the Solutions Economy.
	November 10th	Ilze Trapenciere	Migration
	November 22nd	John C. Lehr	The Hutterites in North America: Confronting the Digital Age

To attend, please RSVP: ADIYIAM61@brandonu.ca

Unable to attend? Not to worry!

This webinar will be available on Youtube shortly after the broadcast date.



Recent Webinars

Check Out Our Latest Webinars

The State of Rural Canada, featuring a full panel of speakers at this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DwmaqWpAEQY>

Diversity in Rural/Regional Australian Communities:
everyday multiculturalism and resilience in bridging difference.

Brought to you by: University of the Highlands and Islands Inverness College and the RPLC Migration Team on October 6, 2016

Link: <https://youtu.be/7wmAhm6t0u8>

Recent Update Video

Interested in meeting the Secretariat Team and hearing what they've been up to? You can now find the Secretariat Update Video for September 2016 at this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l5CTggTFZcY>

For previous webinars, please visit our YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC24ZwmEVj0-vlwNwf9er0hQ>

How to Lead: Lessons from Advancing Women in Agriculture Conference - East

What do all-you-can-drink coffee, name tags, and cowbells have in common?

In October, I had the pleasure of attending the Advancing Women in Agriculture Skills for Leadership Conference in Toronto (<http://www.advancingwomenconference.ca/2016east/>). In addition to filling up on coffee and cowbells, I spent two days gathering advice and inspiration from the stories of female leaders in agriculture across the country. From their talks, I was able to tease out four key skills and attitudes that helped drive their success in agriculture. I believe that these themes apply across genders and are essential for building leaders in our rural businesses and communities.

Be Inclusive.

Males dominate leadership roles in Canadian business and politics. Deb Stark, Deputy Minister of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs challenged us to think about “boardrooms that don’t account for wheelchairs or strollers” and the implicit bias within institutions that discourage women from coming to the table. To move forward, we need an inclusive system of governance that eliminates barriers to ensure that “everyone who wants a role has a role”.

Learn to Listen.

Talk, but mostly listen. Trish Jordon, a director of communications, believes that listening is a skill we often forget to consider when dealing with a disgruntled consumer or individual. We are “too busy” and rush to push our own agendas without listening, learning and finding common ground. A good leader is a good follower: be engaged and be present!

Build Relationships.

From politicians to family farmers, a claim emerges: leadership is all about relationships and taking the time to get to know the person across the desk or across the field. An especially powerful tool is relationships built through mentorship. Mentorship was frequently identified as a key component of the lives of successful women in agriculture.

Be Bold.

Last, but not least, we are encouraged to take risks and be courageous. From an olive grove in Greece to the business offices of Ogilvy and Mather, Katherine Surgenor was one of favorite speakers at the conference. Currently a senior partner at her firm, Katherine’s success in a male-dominated work-place boiled down to her authenticity and her ability to “dial up her strongest qualities”. She believes we should not aim to be a green fish in a bowl of orange fish, but rather, we should not aim to be a fish at all. With creativity and innovation, we can arrive at solutions by thinking outside the box – or the fish bowl. Amy Cronin (pork industry leader, farmer, and mother of six) agrees. “Problems are not barriers to success, but are opportunities for sharing your passion and unlocking your potential.”

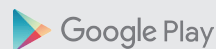
I challenge leaders in rural communities to reflect. Do our boardrooms accommodate wheelchairs and strollers? Are we really listening to our employees, peers and communities? Are we mentoring young leaders? If not, it’s time to change. It’s time to become bold and courageous, and stand up for ourselves and our communities.

*Article written by Carolyn Wilson,
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Don't forget to tune into the new Rural Routes podcast
www.ruralroutespodcasts.com

The show is also available for streaming or download through iTunes, Google Play, SoundCloud, and Stitcher





Newsletter Submissions

Do you have a story to share regarding a recent conference you attended, project you completed, workshop you hosted, online blog or video you've posted, or an ongoing research update?

Consider making a submission to the RPLC Newsletter. We are always looking for current content and have made submissions easy. You can find our nifty guide on the website: <http://rplc-capr.ca/rplc-newsletter-submissions/>

Email your Newsletter questions, comments & submissions to **Mesha Richard** at richardm@brandonu.ca or **Michael Blatherwick** at blatherwickm@brandonu.ca

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Governance	Personnel Exchanges
Migration	Institutes
Infrastructure & Services	Policy Fora
Natural Resources	Distance Learning
Transformations in Indigenous Communities	Publications
Digital Information Hub	Social Media

Deliverables

Policy Briefs	Conferences
Learning Institutes	Presentations
Publications	Workshops/Webinars
Opportunities	Newsletter
Job Notices	Research Reports

Audience

Faculty	Community Groups
Students	General Public
Government	& YOU
Policy makers	